

To the Chairman and Commissioners of the FCC,

The date to make the decision about Broadcast Ownership is fast approaching and yet so little dialogue is occurring across our country about an issue so vital to our nation. Please delay this vote and allow a year or more of well-funded, well-supported discussions in all regions of the country to inform the citizens about the implications of this decision.

If such a delay is not possible, please vote AGAINST these revisions. This cautionary vote will allow a system that is working fairly well to continue.

Isolating the ability to control discourse on television and radio into the hands of fewer and fewer people will inhibit our ability as a nation to learn more about one another as individuals. We will be viewed only as one broad demographic - consumers - and the vitality of regional differences will gradually erode. Notions of the public sphere seem to be under attack, whereas private wealth is being concentrated like never before. The airwaves belong to everyone, don't let them benefit only a select minority.

Please acknowledge your mandate to oversee broadcast media's essential role as a public service.

Thank you.

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